



# GTR Newsletter

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The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers

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## GTR Auto Modelers

2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year

2006 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

Location alternates between member's homes and the Fountains of Crystal Lake

**Next GTR Meeting: October 21, 2006**

**No Regular Meeting!**

**We will join the Lake Michigan Model Car Club for their Annual Open House, in Bensonville**

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**[www.gtrautomodelers.freesevers.com](http://www.gtrautomodelers.freesevers.com)**

## GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

### Industry News

Tamiya's kit of the Mercedes Benz SLR is now available.



Studio 27 will release a photo etch set for this kit, also a set for the Revell Corvette C6-R.

### Just announced by Model Factory Hiro:

1/24 Porsche 962 FULL Detail Multimedia kits. 3 versions all available now -1985/86/87 LM Works cars, 1988 Shell LM, 1988/89 #10 Kenwood LM  
All three are Full detail multimedia and retail for \$275. M & S Hobbies price is \$250.  
[www.mshobbies.com](http://www.mshobbies.com)

### Events

The iHobby Expo 2006 (aka RICHTA) event will be taking place in Chicago this year, Oct 19-22, after being held in LA last year on their new alternating schedule. The first two days are for trade only attendees, but Saturday and Sunday the public may attend. Cost is \$10, but there is a \$2 coupon at the web site, [www.ihobbyexpo.com](http://www.ihobbyexpo.com)



See the Events calendar for details and for all the events I know of.

## Real World

### New Alfa Romeo V8 Coupe



(from [www.speedtv.com](http://www.speedtv.com)) Alfa's 8C Competizione could be part of the manufacturer's expected U.S. comeback by the end of the decade) This is the production version of Alfa Romeo's beautiful 8C Competizione concept, due to be unveiled at the Paris motor show. It features a new 4.7-liter V8 with 450 horsepower.

### New Peugeot for LeMans 2007



(from [www.motorsports.com](http://www.motorsports.com))

Here is the first picture of the new Peugeot 908, launched at the recent Paris Auto Show. It will be diesel powered, note that it is a closed cockpit design, which all LeMans cars must be by 2010.

## Newsletters

Since last time, we have received print and electronic newsletters from:

IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, IPMS/Seattle, AMG Milwaukee, IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, *The Wingman* from IPMS/Bong Chapter, Rockford Wheels in Scale (RWIS), Winnebago Auto Modelers (WAM), *Dew Line* from the Upper Peninsula Scale Modelers and Lake Michigan Model Car Club.

Copies of all these will be available for viewing at the next meeting.



# Revell C6-R Corvette Kit

Subject: **Corvette C6-R LeMans/ALMS**

Manufacturer: **Revell**

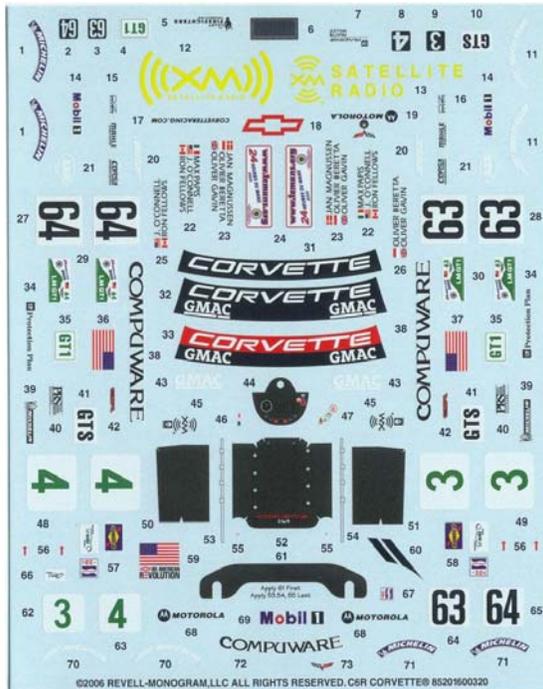
Kit Number: **85-2016** Scale: **1/24**

By Chuck Herrmann



This kit represents the latest generation racing Corvette. Just like the real C6-R is a nice upgrade of the successful prior version C5, this Revell kit is a nice upgrade from their C5. It comes molded in white (body) and black, with clear and chrome parts.

This kit replicates the C6-R from the 2005 season. Decals are provided to do four different cars, the championship winning cars from the American LeMans series and the two cars from the 24 Hours of LeMans.



The design of this kit is similar to something you might see from Fujimi or Tamiya. It is a somewhat simplified style, only 66 pieces, but it is a full detail kit. The engine is only three pieces, but since the real car features a plenum over most of the engine it is realistic appearing, especially since there are carbon fiber decals on the sheet. And since the chassis features a full pan, the one piece design also looks realistic.

The Revell C5, while a full detail kit, featured a one piece body without an opening hood so the engine was hidden. This new kit has an opening hood, and also separate doors. The louvers on top of the front fenders are molded open, which looks great.

The interior builds up off a pan which features several molded in details such as the oil tank and electronic pieces. The seat has molded on seat belt detail. There is a full roll cage.

The suspension detail is minimal, with metal axles. But there is brake detail. The tires are rubber, no sidewall detail but there are decals for two versions of Michelin lettering. The wheels are the correct style, but they are chrome. Since the real car features aluminum wheels, these need to be stripped and painted.



CR-6 at Road America ALMS 2005



CR-6 at LeMans 24 Hour 2005. Both these 2005 decal schemes are included in the kit.



An alternative scheme is this CR-6 that successfully raced in the FIA-GT series in Europe in 2006.

# GTR News

## GTR Update

The October meeting will be on the usual 3rd Saturday, October 21. But instead of the regular meeting we will have a road trip, joining the Lake Michigan Model Car Club for their annual Open House. Their meeting place is the Peace Church in Bensonville. Since it is close by, some of us will meet up at Al's Hobbies in Elmhurst, about 4:0 or so, then go for pizza down the street at Two Brothers before heading over to the meeting. There will be a club table so bring some models to show, also there is a Peoples Choice Contest, open to all. Anyone interested in driving down together from the Crystal Lake area let me know.

## Build a Bike GTR Club Project



Following up from the June meeting when we discussed a possible club project kit, we decided that the next club project would be 1/12 scale motorcycles, either the new Revell chopper bikes which are on the store shelves now, or a Tamiya motorcycle if you cannot bear to do a chopper. Kitbashing or modifying the kits is encouraged so we can see how many variations or themes our members can come up with. So start building a bike in time to show it at the February meeting. Previous club projects have lead to slim participation; hopefully we can get more kits built this time around.

## September GTR Meeting

The September regular GTR meeting was held at the Fountains of Crystal Lake on September 16. After the treasury and business updates, we decided on the next club project, GTR Auto Modelers Newsletter

Build a Bike (see above for details).

Then we moved on to Show and Tell. Among the stuff on display:

Dave Edgecomb: two Fujimi Ferrari GT40 kits, two scale Design transkits



Chuck Herrmann: Burago 1/24 Citroen Avant diecast, Revell Corvette C6-R kit (see review), and two vintage Lola T-70s, bought at the Meltdown last month, that will be restored.



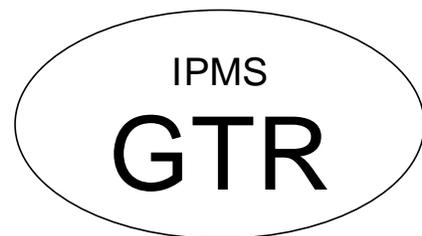
George Pritzen: Two kits, Studebaker Double Whammy and Monogram Calloway Corvette

Les Whifield: Tamiya Alfa Romeo Guilla GTR kit

Steve Jahnke: three built models found at the Meltdown – Italeri Mercedes 300SL, Revell BMW 507, Tamiya Nissan Skyline.

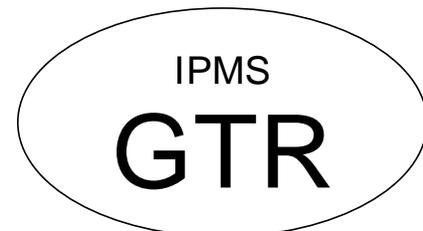


Ron Kohler: Monogram Scarab and Cobra, Revell 1966 Corvette Sebring, Academy McLaren M8A, Revell Ford GT, Fujimi Ford GT Mk2, Petty 1968 Plymouth NASCAR, Smer 1952 Ferrari F1, Revell 65 Mustang GT350R

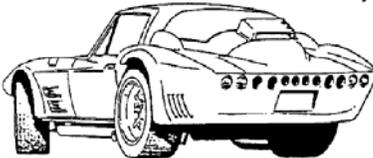


# Directions to the October 2006 GTR Meeting

Joint meeting with the Lake Michigan Model Car Club at their meeting location in Bensenville., on Saturday, October 21, 2006



**LAKE MICHIGAN MODEL CAR CLUB**  
PRESENTS OUR TRADITIONAL ANNUAL  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
7:00 PM TO 11:00 PM OCT 21 **SAT.**, 2006



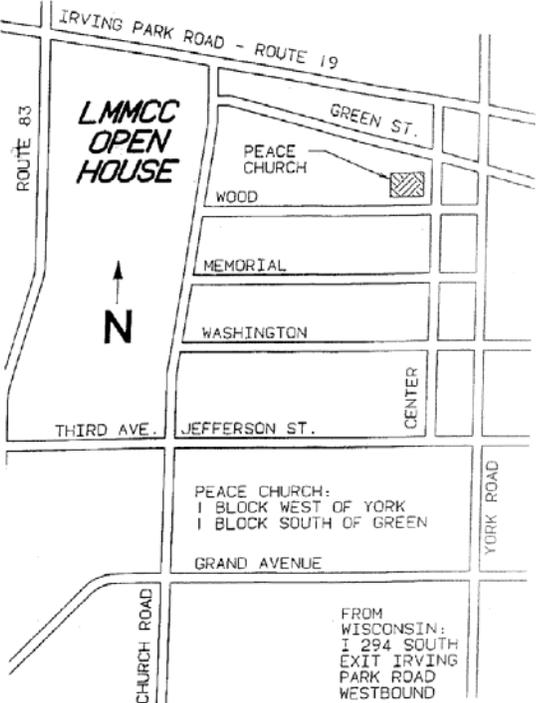
The Lake Michigan Model Car Club invites you to our Annual Open House, held at our monthly meeting place: Peace Church Hall in Bensenville. We expect a good turnout from our members who will display their model collections. If you are a member of any local model club, we have more than enough extra tables. You can set up your own club display and show US what you're all about as well.

If you are a prospective member, or just visiting, come around to see what we have planned for our Open House:

- Club Prize Raffle: Door prizes will be raffled off, and everyone in attendance will be given a ticket.
- Club Display Night: See models from our own members and those of neighboring clubs, with plenty of table space available.
- Club NNL Night: The "No-Name-Luminaries" nickname comes from folks who began holding Peoples Choice Style voting. ANY model vehicle displayed by ANYBODY will be eligible in a vote for our Peoples Choice NNL Trophy. Of course, EVERYBODY in attendance can vote on it.
- FREE ADMISSION. We appreciate your attendance as our guest. FREE PARKING in a lot adjacent to the Peace Church Hall.

A map of the surrounding area is on the back of this flyer. For further information, or to reserve tables for your club's display, please call or write to our President:

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Al's Hobby,  
Milano Museum  
Elmhurst

Some of us will be meeting up at Al's Hobbies in Elmhurst (just off the south of this map) about 4:00-4:30. When Al's closes we will be going to Two Brothers Pizza in Elmhurst, on Park Ave south of the Metra train station. From there we will cruise on down to the LMCC meeting.

Also don't forget that day is one of the public days at the iHobby Expo in Rosemont, some of us plan to drive down together from Cary/Crystal Lake and make it an all day event, call me if you are interested.

Chuck 847-516-0211

# GTR Event Calendar

October 7 ICON6 by IPMS DesMoines Hawkeye Modelers  
Urbandale Senior Citizen Center, Urbandale, IA  
Kevin Iutzeler 515-729-4440  
[iatrekker@mchsi.com](mailto:iatrekker@mchsi.com)

October 7-8 Toledo Swap and NNL

October 14 Hobbytown USA Oshkosh  
Fall Model Contest 10:30 – 4:00

October 19-22 iHobby Expo  
Public days Sat/Sun 10/21-22  
Stephens Convention Center  
Rosemont, IL  
[www.ihobbyexpo.com](http://www.ihobbyexpo.com)

October 21 IPMS/Bong Event  
Midway Best Western Hotel  
Brookfield, WI <http://www.ipmsbong.org>

October 28 IPMS Glue Crew  
Wausau Inn and Conf Center  
Wausau, WI  
Joe Drew [jdrew@dwave.net](mailto:jdrew@dwave.net)

November 4 Lake 2 Lake Modelers 13<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Swap Meet 9:00-2:00  
Butch's opera House, Nazianz, WI

November 5 Scale Auto Swap Meet  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

November 11 IPMS/Butch O'hare  
Lakeview Jr High Darrien, IL  
Marco Fernandez [mfchi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mfchi@sbcglobal.net)

Nov 12 Tri State Collectors Classic Toy Show  
Park Place of Countryside Union Hall  
Countryside, IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

December 10 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Swap Meet and  
Model Car Contest presented by Milwaukee  
Miniature Motors  
Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI  
[www.milwaukeminaturemotors.com](http://www.milwaukeminaturemotors.com)  
Contest: Loren Busswitz 414-353-0720

? = event or date not yet confirmed as of this  
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# IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

National Conventions:

August 22-25, 2007 Anaheim, CA

2008 – Virginia Beach, VA

2009 – TBA - Central US

2007 Region 5 Convention:

June 8-9, Ottawa IL by IPMS/SPASM



Action at the Road America Champ Car Grand Prix, Sept 24 in Elkhart Lake, WI. Going up the hill toward Turn 6 in the pre-race warmup.

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Happy Halloween!



Happy OctoberFast!

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